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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No: 30051/38200

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53**

**Box Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Dr. Hans-Peter Wild et al

Title: DRINKING STRAW ATTACHMENT DEVICE AND METHOD

**1. Type of Application**

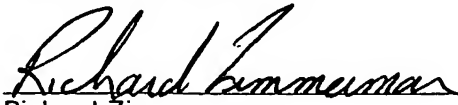
- ☒ This is a new application for a
  - ☒ utility patent.
  - ☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no.

**2. Application Papers Enclosed**

- 1 Title Page
- 7 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)
- 3 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 4)
  - Formal
  - ☒ Informal
- Page(s) of Sequence Listing

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **February 28, 2002** February 25, 2002, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV027097691US.

  
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3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Enclosed (In Blank)
- ☐ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
- ☐ Inventor(s)
  - ☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)  
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
  - ☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on  
behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be  
reached
    - ☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the  
statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed.  
See Item 5D below for fee.
- ☐ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this  
application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will  
follow.

4. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or  
amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☒ Other: Claim to Priority; General Authorization

**6. Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

☐ are attached.

☒ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
Germany	101 09 875.8	March 1, 2001

**7. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$370.00		\$740.00
TOTAL	13 -20	= 0	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$
INDEP.	2 - 3	= 0	X 42 =	\$	X 84 =	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =	\$	+ 280 =	\$280.00
Filing Fee:				\$	<b>OR</b>	\$1,020.00

B. ☐ Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00) Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. ☐ Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00) Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Other Fees

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached [Fee -- \$130.00] \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees Enclosed \$1,020.00**

8. Method of Payment of Fees

- ☒ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$1,020.00
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A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ Not enclosed

9. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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Title: DRINKING STRAW ) Postal Service "EXPRESS MAIL POST  
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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request and authorize that any future reply concerning this design patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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